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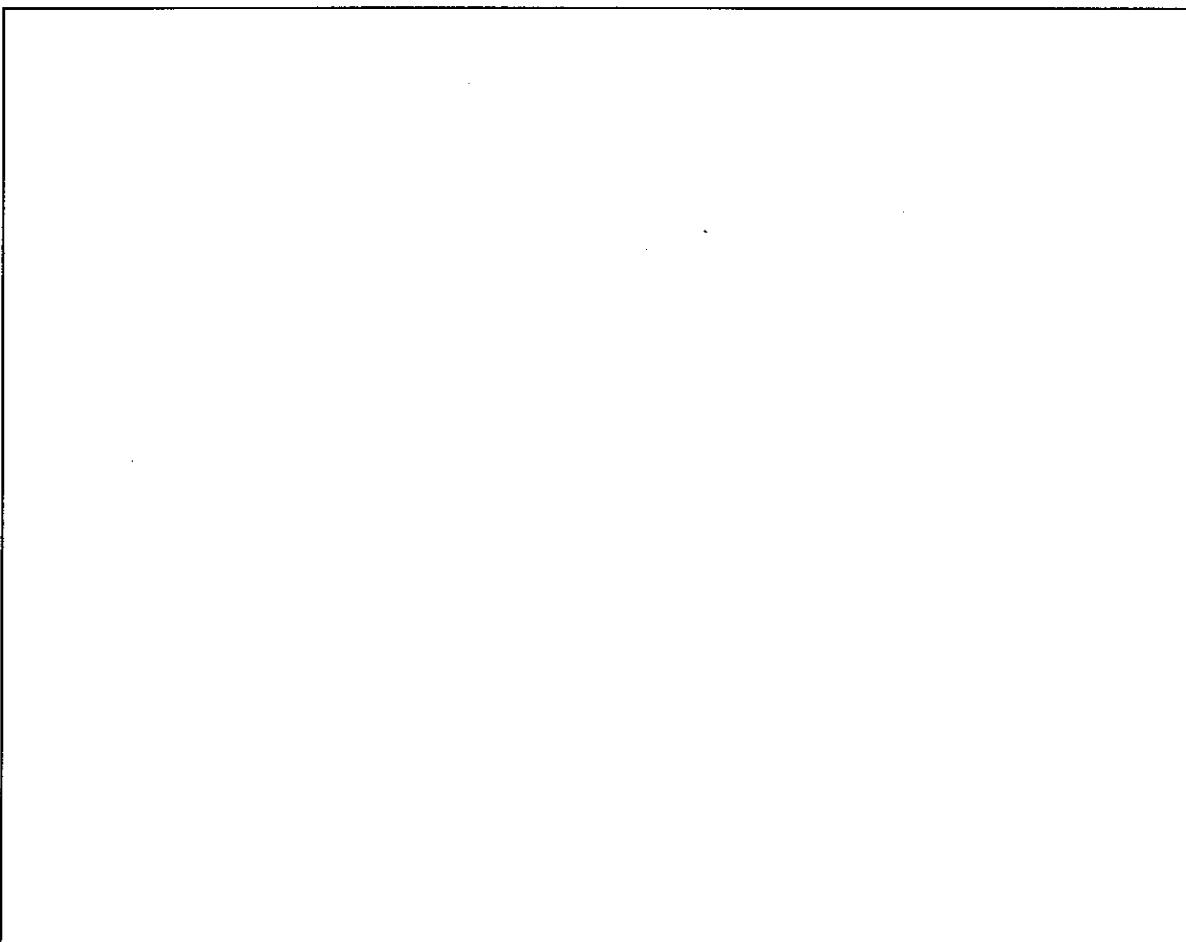


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CHAVEZ SAYS MILITARY SHOULD FIGHT POVERTY; VISITS UNITAS

- Chavez said armed forces in Venezuela and neighboring countries could do more to support the fight against poverty, disease and malnutrition and claimed his military is increasing its capacity to fight drug trafficking, terrorism and international crime. (AP)
- Chavez ordered Venezuelan aircraft to overfly the area of the ceremony's flagship USS Yorktown with only a moment's notification to controllers and then departed, comments ConGen Curacao. (Watch/CG Curacao telcon)

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